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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

YUBIN HUNG

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/02/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 7-17.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative Mr. Michael J. Mallie on 12/15/08.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

REPLACE ALL CLAIMS WITH THE FOLLOWING

(Note: Examiner-added texts are highlighted.)

1. A method of displaying a plurality of thumbnail images on a display unit, the method comprising:

(a) storing in a storage unit a plurality of first compressed codes relating to a plurality of images, each corresponding to one of a plurality of data files of different format types, wherein each of the plurality of first compressed codes being generated by dividing one of the plurality of images into a plurality of tiles and performing discrete wavelet transform and hierarchical encoding on pixel values of the one image tile by tile,

wherein each thumbnail image is capable of being generated from one of the plurality of first compressed codes by extracting different portions of the one first compressed codes;

(b) setting a plurality of resolutions of the plurality of thumbnail images in accordance with the format types of the plurality of data files;

(c) extracting a plurality of second compressed codes according to the plurality of resolutions from the plurality of first compressed codes stored in the storage unit to select the plurality of thumbnail images with the plurality of resolutions,

wherein steps (b) and (c) are performed by a computer; and

(d) displaying, in a single view, the plurality of thumbnail images based on the plurality of second compressed codes, wherein the displayed thumbnail images have different resolutions corresponding to the format types of the plurality of data files.

2. server computer causing a plurality of thumbnail images to be displayed on a display unit of a client computer in accordance with an instruction therefrom, the client computer being connected to the server computer via a network, the server computer comprising:

a thumbnail image storage unit to store in a storage unit a plurality of first compressed codes relating to a plurality of images, each corresponding to one of a plurality of data files of different format types, wherein each of the plurality of first compressed codes being generated by dividing the one of the plurality of images into a plurality of tiles and performing discrete wavelet transform and hierarchical encoding on

pixel values of the one image tile by tile, wherein each thumbnail image is capable of being generated from one of the plurality of first compressed codes by extracting different portions of the one first compressed codes;

a thumbnail image setting acquisition unit to acquire from the client computer a plurality of resolutions of the plurality of thumbnail images, the resolutions being set in accordance with the format types of the plurality of data files;

a thumbnail image extraction unit to extract a plurality of second compressed codes according to the plurality of resolutions acquired by the thumbnail image setting acquisition unit from the plurality of first compressed codes stored in the storage unit to select the plurality of thumbnail images with the resolutions; and

a thumbnail image transmission unit to transmit the plurality of second compressed codes extracted by the thumbnail image extraction unit to the client computer,

wherein the plurality of thumbnail images are displayed in a single view by the client computer based on the plurality of second compressed codes, and the displayed thumbnail images have different resolutions corresponding to the format types of the plurality of data files.

3. The server computer as claimed in claim 2, wherein when a region of interest (ROI) is specified with respect to each of the plurality of images, the thumbnail image extraction unit extracts the plurality of second compressed codes according to the plurality of resolutions set in the thumbnail image setting acquisition unit from part of

each of the plurality of first compressed codes stored in the storage unit, the part of each of the plurality of first compressed codes relating to a tile of the ROI.

4. The server computer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the thumbnail image extraction unit extracts the plurality of second compressed codes from only a luminance component of the plurality of first compressed codes stored in the storage unit depending on the format types of the data files.

5. A client computer displaying a plurality of thumbnail images of a plurality of images, each corresponding to one of a plurality of data files of different format types stored in a storage unit of a server computer on a display unit, the server computer being connected to the client computer via a network, the client computer comprising:

a thumbnail image setting unit to set a plurality of resolutions of the plurality of thumbnail images in accordance with the format types of the plurality of images, each format type being associated with one or more resolutions such that setting the resolution selects the plurality of thumbnail images from thumbnail images that may be generated from a plurality of first compressed codes related to the plurality of images and are stored in the storage unit; and

a thumbnail image setting transmission unit to transmit the resolutions set by the thumbnail image setting unit to the server computer,

wherein the plurality of thumbnail images are displayed in a single view by the client computer, and the displayed thumbnail images have different resolutions corresponding to the format types of the plurality of data files.

6. (Canceled).

7. The client computer as claimed in claim 5, wherein in a case of receiving from the server computer a plurality of second compressed codes according to the resolutions set by the thumbnail image setting unit extracted from part of each of the plurality of first compressed codes stored in the storage unit, the part of each of the plurality of the first compressed codes relating to a tile of an ROI, the plurality of thumbnail images include one enlarged in accordance with the format type of the data file corresponding to the image related to the enlarged one.

8. A computer-readable recording medium storing a program for causing a server computer to execute a method of displaying a plurality of thumbnail images of a plurality of images, each corresponding to one of a plurality of data files of different format types stored in a storage unit of the server computer on a display unit of a client computer in accordance with an instruction therefrom, the client computer being connected to the server computer via a network, the method comprising:

(a) acquiring from the client computer a plurality of resolutions of the plurality of thumbnail images, the plurality of resolutions being set in accordance with the format types of the plurality of data files;

(b) extracting a plurality of second compressed codes according to the resolutions from a plurality of first compressed codes stored in the storage unit to select the plurality of thumbnail images with the resolutions, wherein the plurality of thumbnail images are capable of being generated from the first compressed codes by extracting different portions of the first compressed codes, the first compressed codes relating to the plurality of images for displaying the plurality of thumbnail images and each being generated by dividing one of the plurality of images into a plurality of tiles and performing discrete wavelet transform and hierarchical encoding on pixel values of the one of the plurality of images tile by tile; and

(c) transmitting the plurality of second compressed codes to the client computer, wherein the plurality of thumbnail images are displayed in a single view by the client computer, and the displayed thumbnail images have different resolutions corresponding to the format types of the plurality of data files.

9. The computer-readable recording medium as claimed in claim 8, wherein when an ROI is specified with respect to each of the plurality of images, a corresponding second compressed code is extracted according to a corresponding resolution from part of a corresponding first compressed code stored in the storage unit that is related to a tile of the ROI.

10. The computer-readable recording medium as claimed in claim 8, wherein the plurality of second compressed codes are extracted from only a luminance component of the plurality of first compressed codes stored in the storage unit depending on the format types of the data files.

11. A computer-readable recording medium storing a program for causing a client computer to execute a method of displaying a plurality of thumbnail images of a plurality of images, each corresponding to one of a plurality of data files of different format types, on a display unit, the client computer being connected to a server computer via a network, the method comprising:

(a) setting a plurality of resolutions of the plurality of thumbnail images in accordance with the format types of the plurality of images, each format type being associated with one or more resolutions, thereby selecting each of the plurality of thumbnail images from thumbnail images that may be generated from a plurality of first compressed codes related to the plurality of images and are stored in a storage unit; and

(b) transmitting the resolutions set to the server computer, wherein the plurality of thumbnail images are displayed in a single view by the client computer, and the displayed thumbnail images have different resolutions corresponding to the format types of the plurality of data files.

12. The computer-readable recording medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein in a case of receiving from the server computer a plurality of second compressed codes according to the resolutions extracted from part of each of the plurality of first compressed codes stored in the storage unit, the part of each of the plurality of the first compressed codes relating to a tile of an ROI, the thumbnail images include one enlarged in accordance with the format type of the data file corresponding to the image related to the enlarged one.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of data files include a text file and an image file, and a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the text file has a display size larger than a display size of a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the image file.

14. The server computer of claim 2, wherein the plurality of data files include a text file and an image file, and a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the text file has a display size larger than a display size of a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the image file.

15. The client computer of claim 5, wherein the plurality of data files include a text file and an image file, and a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the text file has a display size larger than a display size of a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the image file.

16. The computer readable recording medium of claim 8, wherein the plurality of data files include a text file and an image file, and a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the text file has a display size larger than a display size of a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the image file.

17. The computer readable recording medium of claim 11, wherein the plurality of data files include a text file and an image file, and a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the text file has a display size larger than a display size of a thumbnail image displayed in the single view for the image file.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-5 and 7-17 as amended are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: See Applicant's argument on P. 13 of the 11/03/08 response.

Note that Anderson (US 6,020,920) discloses displaying multiple thumbnails that are enlarged as necessary and displaying them in different resolutions [Figs. 8 & 9]. Additionally, Drucker et al. (US 7,251,790), Ito et al. (US 6,967,675), Björk et al. ("WEST: A web browser for small terminals", CHI Letters, Vol. 1, 1, (1999), pp. 187-196), Munro et al. (US 2002/0089549) and Scott et al. (US 2003/0080977) all disclose displaying multiple thumbnails, some in different resolutions, on a single view; Schlank et al. (US 6,134,017) discloses displaying text thumbnails. However, none disclose, teach or fairly suggest specifying resolutions of thumbnails based on the format types of the data files they are associated with.

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